

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Samuel Ross	Team: Squad #6	CCRB Case #: 201802566	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Monday, 04/02/2018 11:00 AM	Location of Incident: [REDACTED]	Precinct: 104	18 Mo. SOL 10/2/2019	EO SOL 10/2/2019	
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Witness(es)	Home Address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. DT3 Ronald Scrimenti	3265	937510	104 DET
2. POF Gladys Vazquez	13027	938203	104 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.DT3 Ronald Scrimenti	Abuse: Detective Ronald Scrimenti refused to provide his name and/or shield number to § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
B.POF Gladys Vazquez	Abuse: Police Officer Gladys Vazquez refused to provide her name and/or shield number to § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
C.DT3 Ronald Scrimenti	Discourtesy: Detective Ronald Scrimenti spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Case Summary

§ 87(2)(b) filed this complaint via the CCRB's website on April 2, 2018. On April 2, 2018, at approximately 11:00 AM, Det. Ronald Scrimenti of the 104th Precinct Detective Squad and PO Gladys Vasquez of the 104th Precinct Domestic Violence Unit visited § 87(2)(b) in Queens, the home of § 87(2)(b) and her parents, § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) in order to investigate allegations of elder abuse. When § 87(2)(b) asked Det. Scrimenti and PO Vasquez to identify themselves, the officers allegedly refused to provide their names (**Allegation A: Abuse of Authority**, § 87(2)(g) **Allegation B: Abuse of Authority**, § 87(2)(g)). Subsequently, Det. Scrimenti allegedly said to § 87(2)(b) "... You and your father are going to start your shit (**Allegation C: Discourtesy**, § 87(2)(g)). The officers ultimately found no evidence of elder abuse and departed without issuing any summons or making any arrest. There is no video evidence associated with this case.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A—Abuse of Authority: Detective Ronald Scrimenti refused to provide his name and/or shield number to § 87(2)(b)

Allegation B—Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Gladys Vasquez refused to provide her name and/or shield number to § 87(2)(b)

It is undisputed that Det. Scrimenti and PO Vasquez visited the home of § 87(2)(b) and her parents, § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) in order to investigate allegations of elder abuse.

§ 87(2)(b) (Board Review 01) stated that before the officers interviewed her parents, she asked Det. Scrimenti, "Who are you? What is your name?" She also faced PO Vasquez and asked, "Can you please tell me who you are?" She indicated that she wanted both officers' names. She was standing face-to-face with the officers and they were paying attention to her. § 87(2)(b) was certain that both officers heard her requests. However, neither Det. Scrimenti nor PO Vasquez provided their name to her. § 87(2)(b)'s father was standing near the officers and heard this interaction. Her mother was inside of the apartment watching television, and § 87(2)(b) did not believe that she was able to hear this interaction.

§ 87(2)(b) stated further that after the officers interviewed her parents, she approached them again and, addressing them both, asked, "Can you give me your names?" She was holding a pen and a sheet of paper and intended to write down the officers' names. However, again, neither officer provided their name verbally. Det. Scrimenti, who was in business attire and was not displaying a shield or name plate, said that he had left his information with § 87(2)(b)'s mother. PO Vasquez pointed to the shield and name plate on her chest but did not provide her name verbally, and § 87(2)(b) who felt intimidated, was not comfortable approaching PO Vasquez to read the name on the name plate. Neither Det. Scrimenti nor PO Vasquez ever provided their name verbally to her. § 87(2)(b) did not believe that either her mother or father would have been able to hear this portion of the interaction.

After the officers departed, § 87(2)(b) returned to her parents' apartment. She learned that Det. Scrimenti had provided her mother with his business card, which bore his name. Her mother

had also written down the name “Vazquez” on a piece of paper, leading § 87(2)(b) to believe that this was the name of the second officer involved. § 87(2)(b) provided photographs of both the business card (Board Review 02) and of the note bearing the name “Vazquez” (Board Review 03). However, § 87(2)(b) did not believe it was sufficient for the officers to identify themselves only to her mother, as her mother had been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease and it was possible that she would forget this information.

During her July 25, 2018 CCRB interview, § 87(2)(b) described handwritten notes which she stated she had prepared in regards to this incident on April 2, 2018. She provided photographs of these notes on July 31, 2018 (Board Review 04). The first page of the notes is dated April 2, 2018. On the first page, § 87(2)(b) wrote that the officers “sent [her] upstairs + wouldn’t say why or who are.” On the fifth page of these notes, § 87(2)(b) wrote, “They both still didn’t tell me names/give me biz card.” On the eighth page, she wrote, “They left w/o biz card to me or names.”

§ 87(2)(b) (Board Review 05) stated that when the officers instructed § 87(2)(b) to exit her parents’ apartment, she responded, “I want to know who you are and what precinct you’re from.” § 87(2)(b) believed that both officers provided their names to her. He did not know if she made any second request for their information.

Both PO Vazquez (Board Review 06) and Det. Scrimenti (Board Review 07) stated that they each introduced themselves by name and rank to § 87(2)(b) upon arrival at the family’s residence. Further, they stated that when § 87(2)(b) requested Det. Scrimenti’s identifying information, he provided the requested information to her verbally. The officers each stated that they did not recall § 87(2)(b) ever requesting PO Vazquez’s identifying information. While PO Vazquez did not recall § 87(2)(b) ever making a second request for Det. Scrimenti’s identifying information, Det. Scrimenti confirmed that § 87(2)(b) did so, and again stated that he verbally provided her with his name and shield number. Both PO Vazquez and Det. Scrimenti maintained that neither officer ever refused to provide § 87(2)(b) with any identifying information.

According to Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09 (Board Review 08), an officer must courteously and clearly state his or her name, rank, shield number, and command, or otherwise provide them, to anyone to anyone who requests that he or she do so.

§ 87(2)(g)

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§ 87(2)(g)

Allegation C—Discourtesy: Detective Ronald Scrimenti spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b) stated that shortly before the officers departed, while she spoke with the officers in the hallway outside of her parents' apartment, and while she discussed her mother's siblings' treatment of her mother, Det. Scrimenti said, "They don't want your father coming over there because you and your father are going to start your shit." PO Vazquez was also present at this time. § 87(2)(b) did not believe that either her mother or father would have been able to hear this remark from their positions inside of their apartment.

Note that § 87(2)(b) did not make this allegation when she initially filed this complaint in April of 2018. She first made this allegation during an off-the-record conversation with CCRB Mediation Coordinator George Alexander and then reiterated the allegation during her in-person statement at the CCRB on July 25, 2018. She explained off-the-record that she did not include this allegation in her original complaint because she did not consider it to be a primary concern at that time.

As noted above, § 87(2)(b) provided handwritten notes which she stated she prepared on April 2, 2018. On the sixth page, she wrote, "Male officer said, 'That's because they're afraid you guys are going to come in + start your shit.'"

§ 87(2)(b) described Det. Scrimenti's demeanor as "sarcastic" and both officers as "nasty." He believed that at some point, § 87(2)(b) spoke with the officers in the hallway outside of his apartment. However, he was not present and did not know if any officer ever used profanity toward her.

Both Det. Scrimenti and PO Vazquez denied that Det. Scrimenti ever said, "You and your father are going to start your shit," or used any profanity toward § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(g)

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- § 87(2)(b) has been a party to one other CCRB complaint and has been a victim in one other allegation (Board Review 09). § 87(2)(b)
- Det. Scrimenti has been a member of service for thirteen years and has been a subject in two other CCRB complaints with one allegation each, neither of which was substantiated (Board Review 10). In Case #201108660 it was alleged that Det. Scrimenti spoke discourteously to a civilian. That allegation was unsubstantiated. § 87(2)(g)
- PO Vazquez has been a member of service for thirteen years and has been a subject in three other CCRB complaints with four allegations, none of which have been substantiated (Board Review 11). § 87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- This case was sent to the CCRB's Mediation Unit on April 11, 2018. It was returned to the Investigations Unit on July 26, 2018.
- On August 24, 2018, an online FOIL request was submitted to the New York City Office of the Comptroller for any Notice of Claim filed in regards to this incident. As of the writing of this report, no response has yet been received. A response will be enclosed upon receipt.
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

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